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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC DOWN 2.2 PERCENT IN APRIL

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 16, 1989 -- Airline passenger traffic dropped 2.2 percent in April, compared with the same month last year, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic passenger traffic in April decreased 4.5 percent. Available seat miles registered a decline of 4.8 percent. The number of passengers dropped to 31.2 million from 33.2 million a year ago, a 5.9 percent decrease. The load factor was 61.9 percent, up from 61.8 percent for April a year earlier.

International passenger traffic of the U.S. airlines in April was up 6.7 percent. Available seat miles increased 10.7 percent, and passengers decreased 3.8 percent to 2.6 million. The load factor was 63.9 percent, down from 66.3 percent in the same month of last year.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY (1)

APRIL 1989 - 1988

	APRIL			YEAR TO DATE		
	1988	1989	PERCENT CHANGE	1988	1989	PERCENT CHANGE
DOMESTIC						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	33,197	31,236	(5.9)	127,959	123,025	(3.9)
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	26,452,546	25,263,000	(4.5)	102,241,770	99,387,546	(2.8)
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	42,831,844	40,780,827	(4.8)	171,256,207	166,734,558	(2.6)
LOAD FACTOR (%)	61.8	61.9		59.7	59.6	
INTERNATIONAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	2,669	2,567	(3.8)	9,954	10,399	4.5
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	6,787,673	7,241,900	6.7	24,918,531	27,574,282	10.7
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	10,234,034	11,324,956	10.7	39,686,986	44,289,058	11.6
LOAD FACTOR (%)	66.3	63.9		62.8	62.3	
TOTAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	35,866	33,803	(5.8)	137,913	133,424	(3.3)
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	33,240,219	32,504,900	(2.2)	127,160,301	126,961,828	(0.2)
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	53,065,878	52,105,783	(1.8)	210,943,193	211,023,616	0.0
LOAD FACTOR (%)	62.6	62.4		60.3	60.2	

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, PIEDMONT, TRANS WORLD,
UNITED, ALASKA, ALOHA, BRANIFF, HAWAIIAN, MIDWAY, PSA, AND SOUTHWEST.

(1) Eastern 1988 numbers included
Eastern 1989 numbers not available